As a lawyer, author, and computer scientist, I support the protection of individuals' creative output through the intellectual property laws. However, I do not support attempts to legislate technical innovation, nor do I support actions taken to preserve the market position of any sector of an industry over any other sector.

Your proposed restrictions on the full and open use of digital technology will stifle technical innovation, damage America's competitiveness internationally, and prohibit consumers from a wide range of legitimate uses of new technologies.

The intellectual property law prohibits certain kinds of copying. Enforce that law, but don't resort to the overkill of banning or crippling the very use of new technologies.